

ANIMAL ACTION: Our Animal Hospital at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, near Kanab, Utah, is progressing well. When our fall newsletter was published work was just beginning. Now, with the basic structure completed, we are moving ahead with plumbing, wiring and interior finishes, and expect to have the building operational before spring. This has all been possible through the extraordinary generosity of suppliers and manufacturers throughout the southwest, which has kept costs down to a minimum. At the same time Rev. John Christopher has supervised the completion of a special structure for older dogs, who require extra care and warmth in the winter. Adoptions continue in Las Vegas, directed by Rev. Jana de Peyer, and if you can provide a loving home please contact her at 367-6808.

NATIONAL

ATLANTA: Margery Keller continues to provide strong and faithful leadership of our prayer group, the Circle of Power, through weekly meetings. Please call 633-4420 for details.

CHICAGO: Rev. Raphael de Peyer's fall visit was a great success. The Circle of Power meeting was overflowing, and the workshop, "The Gift of Communication," proved to be an intense experience for everyone. It was especially rewarding to see members so actively pursuing their own initiatives. Sue Galick is leading a prayer group in Berwyn, Catherine Marlaire goes into the hospitals as a clown and has made a special point of visiting AIDS patients, Christian Mendenhall is teaching Focus, a communication workshop (for details call 348-306, weekdays after 7PM), and Paula Hardin, the distinguished educator and counselor has just completed an important new book, "The Fork in the Road: Choices in Midlife." The efforts of many members ensured the success of the visit. Hans Mendenhall provided his home and his car. Christian organized the activities. Pauline Schuler, Catherine Mendenhall and Sharon O'Leary provided refreshments for the activities. Our special thanks to all of you for your invaluable efforts.

INTERNATIONAL

ACCRA, GHANA: James Quansah and Joseph Nortei have met to discuss the production of ministry literature in Accra, which is going ahead. James is continuing to contact other members in Accra with a view to establishing regular prayer group meetings.

HAITI: Pastor Nicolas Juste, who is President of the mission and orphanage in Port-au-Prince, and a colleague of member Rev. Bernadel Dalton, wrote to thank us for our help with their Christmas festivities.



Rev. Bernadel Dalton (right) and the orphans he cares for pose for this recent group picture in Haiti.

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LETTERS

Dear Cookie,
Just a brief note to express our thanks and love for your caring thoughts and prayers.

Rickie was involved in a jet ski accident in early August. If you remember he had the monster bed which the family shared.

Rickie is doing fine and is back in school. He is still in a speech and physical therapy program, but is healthy.

Thank you again for all your love - we think of you often.

The Gorski Family
Los Angeles

I found the workshop to be a most enlightening experience. Hope all goes well in Las Vegas.

Sue Kotlinski
Chicago

It is the time of year to be thankful for our blessings, and 'tis the season to give friendship. I wanted to take a few minutes out of this very busy season to say thank you to the many, many volunteers of SNAMHS, SNCAMHS, and SNMR who have made life a little brighter for clients and staff of the three agencies. Without you, all that we have done this past year would not have been possible.

Thanks for caring.

Joyce Ellis
Director of Volunteer Services
Desert Developmental Center
Las Vegas

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ The Circle of Power is an international prayer fellowship, the members of which spend time each day in prayer for the sick and troubled. Every month we send out a letter containing testimonies to the Lord's healing and news of members together with a prayer list. If you would like to add your prayers to those of all members, please check the box and return this section to us.

MAILING LIST

☐ I would like you to add me to your mailing list to receive your quarterly Newsletter.

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- ☐ THE WORLD IS HELL

The following are original compositions channeled by Rev. Andrew Michaels.

- ☐ THE EVERLASTING CRIME & THE INNOCENT ONES
- ☐ ...AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR
- ☐ SEASONS
- ☐ TALES OF WONDER

If you have checked any of the boxes above, please PRINT your name and address below, cut out this panel and mail it to: The Foundation Faith of God, P.O. Box 11375, Las Vegas, NV 89111-1375, U.S.A.

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SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Celebration, 1-2PM at Faith Center. Our weekly fellowship. A gathering together in the Lord. Praise, prayer, music, renewal, and special prayers for those in need of healing.

HEALING & COUNSELING

Ministers are available at Faith Center for counseling and healing prayers. Please call (702) 367-6808 to schedule an appointment. We also maintain a Healing Prayer Book in which we enter the names of all those requesting prayers. If you wish to have your name entered, or that of a friend or relative, please call with your prayer request.

NEWSBRIEFS

LOCAL

Our prayers and best wishes to all our readers for the New Year and the new decade! We are beginning 1990 by searching for a new center. We have been in our present location for a little over 5 years, and a very blessed 5 years they have been. However, as the ministry has expanded it has become evident that we would need larger premises. We ask for your prayers and support in this endeavor.

CLOWN MINISTRY: December is always the most extraordinary month for us, and this year has been no exception! Not only does our schedule include all our regular visits, but numerous special Christmas parties as well.



This little girl is all eyes for the toy Daffydil showing her at Humana Sunrise.

At Sunrise Hospital Daffydil (Rev. Nathania Gartman) and Vittorio (Vic Flores) visited a 4 year old girl in Pediatric Intensive Care. She was sore and unhappy. The clowns spent time with her and gave her a stuffed animal, and were rewarded with her first smile in many days, much to her mother's delight. On the same visit they saw a small boy, who is a near-drowning victim. His mom remembered Daffydil from the time she gave a talk on the Clown Ministry at the lady's church.

Daffydil has added Comstock Cottage (boys 8-17) at Child Haven to her roster of regular visits in response to many requests from the boys. On the first visit volunteer Tom Bean gave a special show of juggling, helped Daffydil make balloon animals, and Daffydil supervised face-painting.

At Children's Behavioral Services Brother David Maloney played a sensitive Santa for these youngsters with special needs. They confidently sat on Santa's lap to receive their gifts as well as asking searching questions about how he got back on the roof after delivering the presents! Lilac (Rev. Grace Michaels) assisted Santa with some sing-along Christmas songs and the children had a wonderful party.

At University Medical Center (UMC) Lilac and Superklutz (Paul Tarr) entertained a small boy with developmental problems. He normally lies in bed very quietly, but when Lilac played a song on the guitar he became very animated, rocking back and forth, smiling with huge dimples and crying out happily. Once he tapped his chest in time to the music. It was beautiful to see such a transformation.



Lilac and her guitar liven up the day for the clients at NAH.

At Nevada Association for the Handicapped (NAH) a similar transformation has been taking place. A client there had been very withdrawn, responding to nothing. He had been in an unsatisfactory living situation. Members of our prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power, had been praying for him, as they do for all the children. Soon the authorities were able to find a better placement for him, and shortly after that he began to respond to his surroundings. During Lilac's most recent visit to NAH he hung onto Lilac's hand, refusing to let go when the visit ended. Lilac had noticed him peeking at the clowns as they were singing, and it was a significant development that he trusted Lilac enough to reach out to her as he did.

Many stores and businesses help at Christmas time with food and party items. Our thanks to Poe's Pizza, Albertson's, and Las Vegas Chips for helping sponsor parties for the Westcare Detox program for adults and their residential program for teen boys. These clients also received gift baskets containing a variety of items, and each group joined enthusiastically in singing Christmas carols. It was a pleasure to see their faces light up as each person found something in his basket that he needed. One young man after unwrapping a new pair of socks rushed off to change into them immediately! Upon leaving the Detox Building Lilac heard the windows shaking with the sound of caroling. The clients had enjoyed the sing-along so much they decided to carry on, and the staff in charge of the teen boys were very impressed with how Lilac had managed to get the boys to sing along with her. It seemed that their macho image was suspended in favor of some good old fashioned fun!

Christmas baskets also went to the ladies at Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis (TADC) and toys for their children. The gifts included items donated by Crabtree & Evelyn, Alligator Soup, and baby blankets and crocheted padded hangers made by volunteer Flo Lafin.



Cookie and MacNut give this young lady the clown treatment at UMC.

The Christmas party at UMC drew about 50 youngsters, as well as parents and staff, and included past and present patients. Cookie (Rev. Raphael de Peyer) and Cool (Isaac de Peyer) entertained. Cookie did some magic tricks for an appreciative audience, and both clowns gave out toys for all the children who participated in the game, "Pin a Star on the Christmas Tree," which Lilac invented many years ago. There were many gifts, and Santa along to help give them out.

Our greatest thanks to all our

volunteers mentioned above, and also to Alvin Goldberg, whose lively fun and affection contributes greatly to Lilac's visits to Salvation Army Adult Daycare Center, and NAH. And to Colleen Murphy, a new volunteer, who has a gentle and healing manner, and is recovering from a stroke. The toddlers at Child Haven loved her in her blue wig and blue polka-dot jacket. Finally we bid a fond farewell to the California Raisin (Bob Gergen), who came on many visits and was a great hit with the kids. Bob and his wife recently moved to Tucson, and we all miss you, Bob, and appreciate everything you did.



The California Raisin (Bob Gergen) and Alvin (Alvin Goldberg) have the ladies laughing at the Salvation Army Adult Daycare Center in Henderson.

PET THERAPY: Rev. Abigail Johns and pet therapists, Teddy, Pippin and Scruffy, continue their rounds of nursing homes bringing much amusement and enjoyment to the residents. At Charleston Health Care Center, Ada called out to the dogs as soon as she heard the jingle of their ID tags. Further down the corridor Mary was highly amused to see Teddy, a major chow hound, checking everything, including her wastepaper basket, for scraps!!! And so on, to each room, until at the end there was Mary again, hoping they would not leave.

Over at Vegas Valley Convalescent Hospital, resident Margaret was roaming the halls in her wheelchair, and lit up like a Christmas tree as soon as the dogs rounded the corner, and all three rushed up to give her a lick, and Teddy tried to climb in her lap, much to her entertainment.



Rev. Abigail Johns and her three pet therapists go to work!